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The meeting was called to order at 10.20 a.m.

Agenda item 54: Operational activities for development (*continued*) (A/C.2/63/L.43)

Draft resolution on the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation

1. **Ms. Greenaway** (Antigua and Barbuda) introduced draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.43 on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, noting that 2008 marked the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries.

Agenda item 47: Macroeconomic policy questions (*continued*)

(a) International trade and development (*continued*) *(A/C.2/63/L.8, A/C.2/63/L.35*, A/C.2/63/L.49)*

Draft resolution on the report of the twelfth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

2. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.35*, which had no programme budget implications.

3. *Draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.35* was adopted.*

Draft resolution on international trade and development

4. **The Chairperson** introduced draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.49, which was being submitted by Mr. Hoppe (Germany), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C 2/63/L.8. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

5. *Draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.49 was adopted.*

6. *Draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.8 was withdrawn.*

Agenda item 48: Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference (*continued*) (A/C.2/63/L.37)

Draft resolution on the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus

7. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.37, which had no programme budget implications and had not been changed after informal consultations. She noted that Bosnia and Herzegovina wished to join the list of sponsors.

8. *Draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.37 was adopted.*

Agenda item 49: Sustainable development (*continued*) (A/C.2/63/L.3/Rev.1 and Add.1)

Draft resolution on the reliable and stable transit of energy and its role in ensuring sustainable development and international cooperation

9. **The Chairperson** invited the Committee to take action on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.3/Rev.1 and its addendum containing an additional list of sponsors (A/C.2/63/L.3/Rev.1/Add.1). The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

10. **Ms. Ataeva** (Turkmenistan) said that agreement on the revised draft resolution had been reached as the result of diligent joint work by a large number of delegations in several rounds of informal consultations as well as many bilateral and multilateral meetings. Further delegations had joined the list of sponsors, which showed the high level of worldwide interest in the issue of reliable and stable energy transportation, especially in the light of current difficulties in the world economy. The draft resolution, which was simple, coherent and focused on international cooperation to ensure the reliable and stable transit of energy, was therefore particularly timely. While her delegation recognized that long-term work would be needed to establish the principles for cooperation, it was convinced that such a process was necessary and could have a very positive impact on economic development. Expressing hope that the first concrete steps in that direction would be taken at the high-level international conference which her delegation planned to convene in 2009, she urged the Committee to adopt the draft resolution by consensus.

11. The last preambular paragraph of the revised draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.3/Rev.1 should have been deleted; she therefore requested that the text should be revised accordingly.

12. **Mr. Isomatov** (Tajikistan) said that the statement made by the representative of Turkmenistan had clearly set out the arguments in favour of adopting the draft resolution. Noting that the proposed text was the result of active, broad-based work by interested delegations,

whose views had been taken into account, he invited the Committee to adopt the draft resolution by consensus.

13. **Mr. Jgenti** (Georgia) reiterated his firm support for the draft resolution, given that stable and reliable energy transportation was a key factor of sustainable development.

14. **Mr. Alimov** (Russian Federation) said that his delegation wished to join the list of sponsors. It was satisfied with the focused and well-balanced nature of the draft resolution and wished to emphasize the importance and timeliness of the reliable and stable transit of energy, which remained a priority for the Russian Federation. His delegation supported Turkmenistan's initiative to convene a high-level international conference on the issue and hoped that it would make a contribution to serious, long-term work in the area.

15. **Mr. Ali** (Syrian Arab Republic), expressing support for the draft resolution, said that his delegation wished to join the list of sponsors.

16. **Mr. Berguño** (Chile) said that his delegation supported Turkmenistan's initiative, which deserved the Committee's unanimous support, and welcomed the proposal to convene an international conference on the reliable and stable transportation of energy.

17. **Mr. Sydykov** (Kyrgyzstan) said that the draft resolution was timely and important. His delegation hoped that it would be adopted by consensus.

18. **Ms. Abdygaliyeva** (Kazakhstan), expressing support for the draft resolution, said that her country considered energy security to be one of the key factors of international stability. As one of the dynamically developing exporters of energy resources, Kazakhstan fully acknowledged its responsibility to maintain a stable supply of hydrocarbons to the world market and implement a balanced policy with regard to the development of energy export routes, while minimizing the environmental impact of its activity. Ensuring the stability of the global energy market in the face of sharp fuel price rises was in the common interest of all Member States. Her delegation regarded Turkmenistan's initiative to convene an international conference on the reliable and stable transportation of energy as a welcome initial step towards the coordination of global action on the issue. She called for the adoption of the revised draft resolution in its current form by consensus.

19. *Draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.3/Rev.1, as orally revised, and its addendum containing an additional list of sponsors (A/C.2/63/L.3/Rev.1/Add.1) were adopted.*

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (*continued*) (A/C.2/63/L.15 and L.45)

Draft resolution on protection of global climate for present and future generations

20. **The Chairperson** introduced draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.45, which was being submitted by Mr. Metelitsa (Belarus), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.15. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

21. *Draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.45 was adopted.*

22. *Draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.15 was withdrawn.*

23. **Mr. Hua** (France), speaking in explanation of position on behalf of the European Union, expressed satisfaction at the adoption by consensus of the draft resolution and said that it would send a strong signal of support and encouragement to the negotiators at the upcoming sessions in Poznan, Poland, of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. With political will, the negotiators could pave the way for a global and complete agreement at the 2009 session in Copenhagen. Throughout negotiations on the draft resolution, the European Union had consistently stressed the need to reflect, in a balanced manner, the five key building blocks of negotiation set out in the Bali Action Plan, namely, shared vision, mitigation, adaptation, technology and financing.

24. The developed countries should lead the way by committing themselves to ambitious emission reduction targets, while developing countries also took appropriate measures, in line with the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. Only through that approach could the deep cuts in greenhouse gas emissions mentioned in the preamble to the draft resolution be achieved. For that reason, the European Union had sought to include a reference in the resolution to the importance of mitigation. The Union had pledged to

reduce emissions by 20 per cent by 2020 compared with 1990 levels and by up to 30 per cent provided that other developed countries made similar commitments and that the more economically advanced developing countries made an adequate contribution.

25. The draft resolution marked a significant step forward in the General Assembly's response to the challenge of climate change. The increased references to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the encouragement conveyed to the Secretary-General to mobilize political will were steps in the right direction. The paragraph referring to the operationalization of the Adaptation Fund accurately reflected the progress of negotiations. Lastly, the Union welcomed the acknowledgement of the need to include gender mainstreaming in the policies of mitigation and adaptation to climate change, a point that could be further examined in the years ahead.

26. **Mr. Metelitsa** (Belarus), Vice-Chairperson, said he was very pleased that the Committee had achieved consensus on a highly topical and challenging issue.

27. **Ms. Greenaway** (Antigua and Barbuda), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, said that the issue of climate change should be viewed from the perspective of sustainable development, particularly the three priorities of economic and social development and poverty eradication. In negotiations on the draft resolution, the Group of 77 and China had sought to stress that climate change posed serious risks to all countries but particularly to the most vulnerable, namely the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries, small island developing States and countries in Africa. Moreover, climate change should be addressed in accordance with the principles identified in the Framework Convention, including the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, with the developed countries taking the lead. The Group of 77 and China were pleased that the draft resolution had been adopted by consensus.

28. **Mr. Ström** (Sweden), speaking as facilitator of the informal consultations, said that many ideas had been discussed at length in the informal consultations that were not reflected in the current draft resolution, notably the question of which ecosystems and regions had the greatest impact on the global climate system. The heavily discussed topic of mitigation was indeed reflected in the draft resolution but not in the explicit language some delegations would have preferred. Nevertheless, for the first time in three years the Committee had adopted by consensus a resolution on protection of global climate for present and future generations, a step that would send a positive message to negotiators at the upcoming conference in Poznan.

Agenda item 51: Globalization and interdependence (*continued*)

(a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (*continued*) (A/C.2/63/L.33 and L.47)

Draft resolution on development cooperation with middle-income countries

29. **The Chairperson** introduced draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.47, which was being submitted by Mr. Torrington (Guyana), Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.33. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

30. *Draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.47 was adopted.*

31. *Draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.33 was withdrawn.*

32. **Mr. Torrington** (Guyana), Vice-Chairperson, noted that the draft resolution was the first the Committee had ever adopted on development cooperation with middle-income countries.

33. **Ms. Ortiz de Urbina** (Spain), speaking as facilitator of the informal consultations, said that she was grateful to the delegations that had brought the issue to the Committee's attention and gratified by the adoption of the draft resolution by consensus.

Agenda item 53: Eradication of poverty and other development issues (*continued*)

(b) Industrial development cooperation (*continued*) (A/C.2/63/L.6 and L.46)

Draft resolution on industrial development cooperation

34. **The Chairperson** introduced draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.46, which was being submitted by Mr. Al-Aud (Yemen), Rapporteur of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.6. The draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

35. *Draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.46 was adopted.*

36. *Draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.6 was withdrawn.*

Organization of work

37. **The Chairperson** said that, in order for the Committee to complete its work as scheduled, it would be necessary for it to consider some draft resolutions in English only. Although that situation was less than ideal, if she heard no objections, she would take it that the Committee agreed to that method of work.

38. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 11.10 a.m.